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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - APRIL 26

1. NYT (PAGE 5) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS KREMLIN, WHICH IS WATCHING SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP CAREFULLY FOR A CUE TO ITS OWN FUTURE POLICY ON THE CONTINENT, HAS PAINTED A GLOOMY PICTURE OF HIS PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS. ALSO STAR.
2. WP (PAGE 11) AP REPORTS A CLASSIFIED STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT SAYS THAT ALUMINUM SCREENING RECENTLY INSTALLED AT U.S. EMBASSY IS 90 PER CENT EFFECTIVE IN BLOCKING OUT MICROWAVE RADIATION BEING BEAMED AT THE EMBASSY BY THE SOVIETS. ALSO STAR.
3. WP (PAGE 14) RICHARD WEINTRAUB SAYS A CONTROVERSIAL MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR PROPOSAL FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES TO BUILD A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN WESTERN SIBERIA AND IMPORT SOVIET GAS TO THE U.S. EAST COAST IS ONCE MORE BEING NEGOTIATED, TWO YEARS AFTER CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION HAD APPARENTLY KILLED THE PROJECT.

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4. WP (OP-ED PAGE) EVANS-NOVAK'S "BOMBARDING THE EMBASSY

AGAIN" SAYS SOVIETS HAVE RESUMED FULL-SCALE MICROWAVE

BOMBARDMENT AT UNSAFE LEVEL FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL -- AN
UNANNOUNCED MOVE SPELLING FAILURE FOR SECRETARY'S
EFFORTS TO SMOOTH OVER DISPUTE THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY.

5. SUN (PAGE 4) AP REPORTS RUMSFELD ON "MEET THE PRESS"
CALLS U.S. FORCES "ADEQUATE". ALSO OTHER PAPERS.

6. WSJ (PAGE 1) WORLD-WIDE ITEM REPORTS SOVIET
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INCREASED FIVE PER CENT IN FIRST
QUARTER '76 BUT OUTPUT OF FOOD, ESPECIALLY MEAT AND
MILK DECLINED SLIGHTLY AND TARGETS FOR PRODUCTION OF
FERTILIZER, PAPER AND TEXTILES WERE OFF.

7. STAR (PAGE 3) AP FROM MOSCOW REPORTS DEATH OF
GRECHKO.

8. STAR (PAGE) BARTON REPPERT REPORTS THE HEAD OF A
GROUP REPRESENTING U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS, JOHN
HEMENWAY, AFSA PRESIDENT, SAYS HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF AN "OFFICIAL COVER-UP" IN THE DEPARTMENT'S
HANDLING OF THE MOSCOW MICROWAVE AFFAIR.

9. STAR (PAGE 4) "THE WORLD" ITEM REPORTS FROM ZAGORSK
OBSERVANCE OF ORTHODOX EASTER.

10. STAR (PAGE 8) BRIEF AP ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTS 57
SOVIET CITIZENS SIGNED STATEMENT ACCUSING KGB OF MORAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF JEWISH DISSIDENT SEFIM
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